Contribution for earthquake rehabilitation from MPLADS fund

*263. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected by way of contributions made by Rajya Sabha MPs for earthquake rehabilitation works in Gujarat from their MPLADS funds;

(b) the details of works carried out by HUDCO and NBCC and the amount spent as on the 30th June, 2005 by these agencies;

(c) whether ten Community Halls in Wankaner Taluka villages were sanctioned and work orders given by NBCC;

(d) if so, the progress made in the construction of those Community Halls; and

(e) the amount lying with HUDCO, NBCC and the Ministry, with interest as on the 30th June, 2005, out of the collection made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) According to information received from Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority, Gandhinagar, Rs. 26.90 crore were received by them from the MPLADS funds of Members of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) for rehabilitation works in the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat.

(b) The number of works executed by Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) and National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC) with MPLADS funds of Members of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and the expenditure incurred as on 30.6.2005 are follows:—

	HUDCO	NBCC
1. Number of works	441	336
2. Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)	1302.84	997.22

(c) and (d) NBCC has reported that they received possession letters of land for the ten community halls in Wankaner Taluka villages on 6th July, 2005 and that they were working out the feasibility of taking up the work.

(e) HUDCO and NBCC have reported that as on 30.6.2005 unspent balance of Rs. 57.70 lakh and Rs. 209.55 lakh including interest respectively

were available with them. As on 31.3.2005, funds to the tune of Rs. 122.00 lakh are available with Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority. No balance is available with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Impact of tsunami

*264. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientific analysis has been carried out for ascertaining the impact and havoc brought by the recent tsunami in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the measures that are contemplated to forecast tsunami and such other disasters in future and to meet the challenges thrown by such disasters in the future;

(d) whether experts have suggested creating mangroves on the shores to minimize the impact of tsunami; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A total of 2260 line km. of coastal length was impacted by the 26th December, 2004 tsunami which included the entire coast of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and parts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala & Pondicherry. An estimated 12407 human lives were lost. Estimated loss in monetary terms including damage to property amounts to Rs. 11544 crores.

Preliminary scientific assessment of the impact of tsunami has been conducted by various institutions and Government Departments on infrastructure and environment in the coastal areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, parts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. The Department of Ocean Development's vessels ORV Sagar Kanya and FORV Sagar Sampada were deployed for studying the impact of tsunami on ocean environment and its resources in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea during January—February 2005. The multi disciplinary and multi parameter data collection was so planned as to cover areas for which pre-tsunami data was available and also to collect new data in new areas.